PATENT Any. Dkl No WEAT/0343

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated March 6, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 6, 2006.

Claims 1, 3-9, 48-66, 73-76, 78-79, and 81 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 1, 3-9, and 48-66 are indicated to be allowable and claims 77 and 80 are objected to. Claims 67-72, 77, and 80 have been cancelled. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented herein.

35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 78 and 79 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Church, U.S. Patent No. 2,305,062.

Claim 78 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 80, which claim is deemed allowable by the examiner. Therefore, Applicant believes claim 78 is in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 81 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Church.

Claim 81 depends from claim 78. As discussed above, Applicants believe claim 78 is in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants also believe claim 81 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 67-76 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Brown*, U.S. Patent No. 2,572,309 in view of *Rogers*, U.S. Patent No. 6,318,472.

Claims 67-72 have been cancelled.

Claim 73 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 77, which claim is deemed allowable by the examiner. Therefore, Applicant believes claim 73 is in condition for allowance.

Page 7

PATENT Atty. Dkl. No. WEAT/0343

All claims being allowable, Applicant believes a discussion of the references is not necessary. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any cancelled subject matter in a continuation application.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason C. Huang

Registration No. 46,222

PATTERSON & SHERIDAN, L.L.P. 3040 Post Oak Blvd. Suite 1500

Houston, TX 77056

Telephone: (713) 623-4844 Facsimile: (713) 623-4846

Attorney for Applicants